

City of Rockville Environment Commission
Watersheds Committee (WC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 20, 2011
Blue Crab, Rockville City Hall
7:15 pm

Meeting Attendance: Julie Palakovich-Carr, Anne Goodman, Steve Cardon, Nancy Laurson, Environmental Management staff member Amanda Matheny

1. Environment Commission (EC) Report:

- Julie Palakovich-Carr reported:
 - The Environment Commission has endorsed the Sustainable Maryland Certified program and has agreed to volunteer to assist on this project.
 - The Fitzgerald Collision Center was recently toured by a few Commission members who would like to nominate the center for Environmental Excellence Award through the Mayor and Council.
 - The Maryvale Park stream cleanup is scheduled. Supplies will be needed.

2. Environmental Mgmt. Division Report:

- Amanda Matheny reported:
 - The Rock Creek Watershed Study is in full swing. The consultant, URS Corp., has nearly completed all of the stream walks and sampling of the watershed. Since the eastern part of Rockville was built up much earlier than other sections of Rockville there will be more limited options regarding new projects that can be done in the area. As URS Corp. moves forward with the study, recommendations will be made to help improve this watershed. A public meeting is scheduled for November. More details will be provided as they become available.
 - Steve Cardon has agreed to participate on the Upper Watts Branch Park Forest Preserve Task Force.

3. Discussion: Adopt a Stream sites

Since the August meeting, Amanda Matheny investigated all of the available stream sites for adoption in Rockville. A PDF file showing the location and access points for each available stream was forwarded to the Neighborhood Services Division. Division staff has reported they are taking this information to various HOA meetings to promote the program. So far, no additional groups have adopted sites in these areas.

Reaching out to new groups will be a challenge, and new, creative ideas for getting the word out were discussed. Utilizing Facebook and various blogs was identified as a next step in reaching out to residents to promote the Adopt a Stream program.

There was difficulty in reaching out to the local Boy and Girl Scout groups within the last month. Amanda suggested that since Croydon Creek Nature Center conducts a lot of programs for

scout groups, we might be able to promote this opportunity (as well as others) when these groups come to the nature center.

4. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

5. Next Steps:

Amanda to:

- Promote Adopt a Stream through the various Rockville blogs and Facebook pages.
- Contact PIO to promote the stream cleanups scheduled for Oct. 22.
- Contact Croydon Creek Nature Center to figure out if we can promote Adopt a Stream (and potentially other volunteer programs) directly to the scout groups they work closely with.

Julie to:

- Contact area high schools to attempt to get stream cleanups on the morning announcements.

The next Watersheds Committee meeting is scheduled for
**Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:15 pm in the Blue Crab conference room at
Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.**